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April 23, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Spokane County Craig Road project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Spokane County and the project is located at 1116 W Broadway Avenue, Spokane, WA 99260.

The funding is designated for the expansion of the existing Craig Road to three lanes from SR-2 to I-90. Roundabouts are proposed at the intersection of Craig Road and Thorpe Road as well as Craig Road and 21st Avenue to facilitate the expected traffic due to growing commercial and residential growth in the West Plains area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to be beneficial to the region as Craig Road is the access point to a new road to rail transload facility to be constructed and operating this year which is already attracting new industries to the area. Craig Road is a main route located on the western boundary of this major commercial and industrial district for the greater Spokane region. Craig Road also serves as a connector for Fairchild Air Force Base, the Spokane International Airport, US 2, and I-90. This industrial park is one of the last sites in Washington State that has an international airport, railroad access, freeway access and developable vacant land all in one location.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress